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 TAGS: PARM, OREP, GE
 SUBJ: **CODEL SOLARZ: MEETING WITH CHANCELLERY ADVISOR**
 - **TELTSCHIK**

1. (S - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. SUMMARY: IN HIS NOVEMBER 15 MEETING WITH VISITING
 CONGRESSMAN STEPHEN SOLARZ, CHANCELLERY ADVISOR HORST
 TELTSCHIK DISCUSSED THE KOHL-REAGAN MEETING IN
 WASHINGTON ON NOVEMBER 30 AND SDI. END SUMMARY.

3. AFTER NOTING SOVIET LEADERSHIP PROBLEMS AND SOVIET
 SENSITIVITIES ABOUT SAVING FACE, TELTSCHIK EXPRESSED
 DOUBTS TO CODEL ABOUT WHETHER THE SOVIET UNION IS CUR-
 RENTLY CAPABLE OF TAKING THE DECISIONS REQUIRED FOR
 MAKING A CONSTRUCTIVE STEP TOWARD COOPERATION WITH THE
 WEST. NONETHELESS, HE SAID, THE WEST MUST BE PREPARED
 FOR EXPLOITING OPPORTUNITIES WHICH COULD ARISE. IT WAS
 THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT THE CHANCELLOR DISCUSS WITH
 PRESIDENT REAGAN A COMMON WESTERN INITIATIVE ON IMPROVING
 EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND ON RESUMING ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIA-
 TIONS FOR THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL OF NATO. TELTSCHIK
 VIEWED THE PRESIDENT'S SEPTEMBER 1984 UNGA SPEECH AS A
 GOOD FRAMEWORK FOR IMPROVING THE OVERALL RELATIONSHIP
 BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. HE SAID MORE WORK WOULD HAVE TO BE
 DONE ON DEVELOPING AN APPROACH TO ARMS CONTROL; FINDING A
 WAY TO HANDLE SPACE WEAPONS WOULD PLAY A KEY ROLE IN
 THESE EFFORTS.

4. TELTSCHIK EMPHASIZED THAT THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE
 CLOSE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN ALLIANCE MEMBERS BEFORE ANY
 DECISIONS WERE REACHED ON STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVES
 (SDI). GERMAN CONCERNS CENTERED ON THE POTENTIALLY
 DE-COUPLING EFFECT SDI COULD HAVE ON THE RELATIONSHIP
 BETWEEN EUROPE AND AMERICA, AND THE POTENTIALLY
 DESTABILIZING EFFECT SDI COULD HAVE ON THE BALANCE
 OF POWER BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

5. TELTSCHIK ALSO URGED USG TO DEVELOP GREATER COHERENCE

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IN EXPRESSIONS OF POLICY TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION, AND MORE
CALM IN TAKING THE NECESSARY STEPS TO COUNTER THE SOVIET
MILITARY BUILD-UP.

6. CODEL SOLARZ DID NOT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW
THIS CABLE.

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